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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OGEN
SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. PLEASE LET EARL MACK KNOW THAT EMBASSY WOULD BE PLEASED IF HE AND BOGOMOLOV OF STATE RADIO AND TV MANAGE TO RESOLVE REMAINING PROBLEMS SO THAT MACK'S BALLET FILM CAN BE RELEASED. HE HAS MADE CHANGES IN HIS ORIGINAL SCRIPT; MORE MAY BE REQUESTED BY STATE COMMITTEE. MACK HAS NEVER BEEN TOLD, BY HESS OR ANOTHER EMBASSY OFFICER, THAT "FULL USG SUPPORT" WOULD BE FORTHCOMING IN ABOVE-DESCRIBED NEGOTIATION WITH BOGOMOLOV, BUT ONLY THAT HE HAS OUR SYMPATHY IN TRYING TO WORK PROBLEMS OUT. HESS CARRIED FILM TO STATE COMMITTEE, SCREENED IT WITH BOGOMOLOV AND LEFT IT WITH HIM. MACK HAS BEEN INFORMED. ACCORDING TO HESS, BOGOMOLOV SAYS THAT, APART FROM SUBSTANCE OF SCRIPT, SEVERAL CONTRACT MATTERS REMAIN IN QUESTION BETWEEN STATE COMMITTEE AND MACK. MEANWHILE, QUESTION OF A RECEPTION BY AN EMBASSY OFFICER REMAINS OPEN, UNTIL RESOLUTION OF MACK'S PROBLEMS WITH STATE COMMITTEE.

2. PARA 3, STATE 50532: VERY PLEASED YOU ARE COMING.
ANY DECISION WHERE PARTY WILL STAY? ANY WIVES? WHAT
IS TARNOFF'S CURRENT POSITION?

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3. PARA 7, STATE 50532: BRIEFINGS WENT EXTREMELY WELL.
STOESSEL IS IDEAL BRIEFER. RE TALKS THEMSELVES, HAVE
LITTLE TO ADD TO WHAT WE HAVE REPORTED: WE MADE REASONABLE
AND EASILY-SATISFIED REQUEST IN NON-POLEMICAL,
NON-POLITICAL FASHION AND WERE TURNED DOWN WITH CONDESCENDING
PAT ON HEAD THAT WE HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.

4. VERY PLEASED SCANLAN WILL BE VISITING. TELL JACK
REBECCA AND I HOPE HE WILL STAY WITH US. TOON

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